

Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Engine House No. 2  
.25 miles NW of Colver  
Colver Vicinity  
Cambria County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: .25 miles Northwest of Colver, Colver Vicinity, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

USGS Quad: Colver, Pennsylvania (1:24000)  
UTM: 17 E.686250 N.4490300

Date of Construction: 1918-20

Builder: Ebensburg Coal Company, a subsidiary of Coleman & Weaver Company

Present Owner: Bethlehem Steel

Present Use: Railroad Repair Shops

Significance: The Engine House No. 2 is part of a larger rail yard and shop complex built in the late 1910s by the Cambria & Indiana Railroad, captive railroad of the Ebensburg Coal Company. This company was one of the top ten coal producers in Cambria County in the late 1910s and 1920s.

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair and Cambria counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Blair County and Cambria County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (1990), edited by Gray Fitzsimons and produced by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.

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History:

In 1917-18 the Ebensburg Coal Company erected at Colver Heights an engine house and machine shop for its captive railroad, the Cambria & Indiana. The building housing these facilities was a steel-frame structure erected by the Truscan Steel Company of Youngstown, Ohio. Measuring 100' x 60', the roundhouse and machine shop was placed in service in December 1918, however, after only two years locomotive exhaust and weathering seriously